

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the Specification:

- (1) On page 1, please amend the Title as follows:

Title: ~~DISTRIBUTED DATA GATHERING AND AGGREGATION~~
AGENTSSYSTEM FOR GATHERING AND AGGREGATING OPERATIONAL METRICS

- (2) On page 29, please amend the Abstract as follows:

Abstract of the Invention

A system and method is provided for gathering and aggregating operational metrics (*e.g.*, performance metrics, process events, health monitor state, server state, event metric data, and status metric data) for a plurality of members (*e.g.*, computers, servers, machines) configured as an single entity and for a plurality of entities as a singular entity. In one embodiment, the system and method provides for operational metrics of members and entities to be aggregated and retrieved as a single result set, such that entity wide operational metrics can be acquired, monitored and displayed as a single entity. In one embodiment, at least one of the plurality of members has a gathering and aggregation system adapted to gather operational metric data from the plurality of members and aggregate the operational metric data into a unified result set.